capacity and installed in a decentralised way, monthwise authenticated data of energy generation is not available.

Installed capacity of Power Generation in A and N Islands

4144. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the present installed capacity of power generation in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and the actual power available for distribution as on 31st January, 1992;

(b) whether any study has been conducted to assess the actual requirement of power; and

(c) if so, the present demand and supply position as projected in Eigth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The present installed capacity in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands as on 31st January, 1992 was of the order of 28 MW. However, the derated a capacity which was available for power distribution was of the ordered 23 MW.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Eighth Five Year Plan has not been finalised so far.

Temporary Status for Daily Wage Workers in Punjab

4145. PROF. PREM DHUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether R.M.S. Divisions in Punjab Circle are regularising the service of daily wage workers after giving them temporary status;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) There are no daily wage workers on a regular basis in R.M.S. Divisions in Punjab Circle. However, occasionally against leave vacancies, arrangements on daily wage basis are made.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Food Engineering Centres

4146. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian food processing industry has failed to make the grade for lack of proper infrastructure for inventing specialised machinery;

(b) whether none of the manufacturers was engaged in the development of new lines of plant and machinery for the industry;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government have framed any scheme for setting up a chain of "food engineering" centres for research and development of proper equipment for the purpose;

(e) if so, details and funds anticipated in this regard therefor; and

(f) whether any such centre shall be set